



The Asbury Update

September 2009

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Billy Hester

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Our New Church Year Officially Starts Sunday, September 13th!
Wednesday Night Suppers start September 16th!



Important Meeting for Children's Programs at Asbury

Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m.



What is G-Force? How can I volunteer in the nursery or as a rover or at Children's Church? What is the Safe Sanctuaries Program? How does my child become part of the Creative Kids program at Asbury?

As we begin the new church season, we will be asking and discussing these questions and more at a very important meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. **We hope all parents, teachers, and helpers of all our children's programs—from the nursery level through elementary school will attend. We are in great need of more volunteers to help with our growing children's population and programs....so we also hope that anyone interested in helping in these programs will attend.** Important information will be shared about our children and our programs. Please support our kids!

Asbury Memorial's 100th Anniversary Jubilee!



WE WANT YOU... to join us for **Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church's 100th Anniversary Jubilee!** The event will take place on Saturday, September 26 on the church grounds from 11am until 4pm. You'll experience the fun of 1909 with games, cake walks, entertainment, great food, arts & crafts and more! The celebration is free fun for all, but you'll have plenty of chances to make donations to the renovation of the sanctuary! If you are an artsy, craftsy sort of person, please consider joining us as an exhibitor! If you are donating the proceeds from your arts/crafts sales to the church there is no fee, otherwise Asbury members booth fee will only be a \$25 donation and non-members a \$40 donation! Arts & Crafts inquiries can be sent directly to Kenny Hill: Kenny@RiverStreetSavannah.com. For more information on the jubilee, volunteer opportunities or ways to help, please contact the church office and they'll get you to the right person! *Tell one, tell all and come join the fun!*

New Member Classes This Month!



If you are looking for a church home and would like to become a member of Asbury Memorial, Rev. Billy Hester will be leading classes after the 11:15 a.m. worship service on **September 20th and 27th**. Lunch is provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please contact Rev. Hester at bghester3@comcast.net or call or email Claudette DeLong at the church office.

"We are pilgrims on a journey..."

TGIY Times



Thank God It's Youth

Wednesday, 2nd —TGIY - 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 9th—TGIY - 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 16th—TGIY - 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Sunday, 30th—TGIY Sunday

Wednesday, 23th—TGIY - 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

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Be watching your e-mails for other events for the month of September!

There is an overnight event being planned with the destination unknown (*to be announced*).

Debbie Wright, Youth Minister

If you have any question or need any information about our youth program,
Please contact Debbie Wright by email: debbie203@comcast.net



Nursery Care for the 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Services

Nursery services are provided for pre-school children for both services on Sunday.

“The Gospel and Classic Stories” Worship Series

On Sunday, September 27th, we will be starting a worship series that will use classic stories and music to enhance our worship experience. The series will go through the month of October and will involve stories like *Snow White*, *Pinocchio*, *Cinderella*, and *The Jungle Book*. Please share this with others. Invite friends to share the Asbury experience!



WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- † We extend our love and sympathy to Chris Jenkins, Curtis Jenkins and family in the death of their grandmother, Lillian Orrell. Lillian was also a family member of the Jean Stewart family and Jewel Nieuwstraten family.
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Joan Byrd, Billy Hester, Wendy Ciccodicola, John Hester, and family in the death of their cousin, Eloise Hester Steinbeck.
- † We extend our love and sympathy to Eric and JoAnna Anderson and family in the death of their newborn niece, Niko Anderson Upson.

MEMORIALS

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" fund by Jenny Wilburn in memory of her father, Chris Wilburn.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" fund by Judy Wilburn in memory off Chris Wilburn.

HONORARIUMS

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" fund in honor of Bernie Colclasure by Philip Seagraves & Crew.

A gift has been given to the "Hester Education Fund" in honor of Billy Hester's 50th birthday celebration by Suzie Williams

A gift has been given to the "Hester Education fund" by Whitney & Lindsey Braddock.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" fund in honor of my daughter, Candace Jenkins, by Bob Carlyle.

A gift has been given to the "Celebrate the Joy" fund in honor of the adoption of Alex and Austin Howell and mother, Rena Howell, by Jennifer Barrett.



Prayer List

Members

Annette Anderson, Lexi Bolinger, Alice Bouknight, Francis Brannen, Ericka Chamblee, Suzanne Cooler, Vicki Cronk, Marjorie Edenfield, Karen Edwards, John Giles, Edna Girard, Gay Gwinner, Nell Hagins, Chase Harrison, Mary Hinely, Elizabeth Jackson, Judy Jones, Judith Kessler, Keller Jones, Elizabeth Lariscy, Justin Linthicum, Linda Luke, Janet Mayne, Pam Miller, Marie Parker, Cabell Stewart, Brad and Amy Stewart,, Jean Stewart, Joyce Wickstrom, Harold Wiley, Diane Williamson

Family & Friends of Members

Steve Amerson, Elisabeth Anderson & Rob Upson, Donna Baldwin, Kathryn Burkett, Emma Carroll and her family, Rhonda Clyatt, Rose Crosby, Schaefer Dean, Barbara Decker, Helen Fine, Betty Galloway, Rick Gilbert, Jerry Hill, Rev. Bill Hust, Archie Iodice, Mary Kessler, Ruth Ellen Lee, Martha Major, Anita Mallard, Grace Neises, Hugh Oakley, Melissa Pittman, Joe Porterfield, Brenda Prah, Mar "Ma" Roubal, Harry Skinner, Mabelene Skinner, Eddie Solomons, Dan Strickland, Myra Seals, Susan Waters, Blanche Watson



Janice Gantt Butterfly Fund

A gift has been given to the Butterfly Fund in honor of Chase Harrison by:

Virginia Holliday

Whitney and Lindsey Braddock

YBU Youth Ministires

and an Anonymous Contributor

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the 2009 Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$40. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

Special Funds

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to the "Celebrate the Joy" (Renovation) Fund, the Piano/Organ Fund, the Hester-Children Education Fund, the Trustees Fund, or the General Fund.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Church Secretary at 233-4351 or email to asburymumc@yahoo.com. Office hours are 9 AM to 2 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Mission Statement:

Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

Thank You “Bread-Makers”

We thank the following people for their labor of love as they make our Communion Bread or our services:

Frank Williams - September

Allison Johnston - Allison Johnston

Laurie Davy - November

Kathy Hodges - December

Tracy DuBois - January

Julie Taylor - February

Jenny House - March

Barbara Plank - April

William Oakley - May

Ronald Mann - June

Bev Blank - Back-up

If you would like to be a Bread-Maker, contact Rev. Marilyn Leigh at marilee62@comcast.net.

Fund for Cabell Stewart

Infant Cabell Stewart and his parents, Brad and Amy Stewart, are still in the hospital in Atlanta. Cabell received his heart transplant on 08-26-09.

A fund has been set up for Cabell at Bank of America. Donations are tax deductible. Checks can be sent directly to Bank of America or can be sent to the church and we will forward them to the bank. Please note on your donation “J Cabell Stewart Heart Medical” Fund.

YOUTH GROUP SUPPLIES NEW SCREEN

Thank you to Debbie Wright and to all of the youth for the purchase of our new projection screen in the Social Hall. The new screen has already been used for the showing of the film, *Amazing Grace*, and will also be used during the service on August 30th to educate us about SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy). It will also be used for many Bible studies. Thank you, Youth, for this important contribution to the church.

2009 Budget Offering

July 26th - \$5,569.55

August 2nd - \$9,896.00

August 9th - 7,442.00

August 16th - \$6,482.00

August 23rd - \$6,372.00

August 23rd - TBA

Weekly Budget Needed

\$7,872

Budget Needed to Date

\$267,648

Received to Date

\$243,335.28

Balance of the Operating Fund as of August 24, 2009

\$ 101,395.55

“Celebrate the Joy!” Fund (Renovation) as of July 31, 2009

\$396,265.65

Worship Attendance

August 2nd - 251

August 9th - 229

August 16th - 235

August 23rd - 218

August 30th - TBA

September



Happy Birthday



Having a Birthday?

Let us know when! Sign up on the main bulletin board between the nurseries or call the office at 233-4351.

1st– Pam Darling

Jason Keith

2nd– Pam Karacostas

3rd—Lexi Bolinger

Bill Nicholson

Andy Paul

Laura Rodriguez

5th– Kelly Beaver

Johnny Foster

Lily Stephens

6th– Sherry Moore

7th– Skyler Gurley

Marianne Sweers

8th– Pam Miller

Sharon Prescott

Madyson Wozniak

9th– Bo Crowder

10th– Tiia Strong

11th– Madeline Kelso

12th– Debbie Burnett

13th– Brittany Thornton

14th– Kim Albee

Jacque Beauchamp

Linda Luke

David Shackley

Janet Wheatley

15th– Amy Jenkins

Carol Klein

16th– Maggie Devlin

Jean Doliber

17th– Marilyn Leigh

Greg Martin

Jordan Veitinger

September Birthday's Con't

18th– James Cunningham

Martha Ellzey

21st– Vivian Fleming

Sarah Povie

Jeri Sires

22nd– Pat Ciccodicola

24th—Roy Hill

25th– Emma Alley

Josh DeLong

26th– Dot Whitlock

27th– Zachary Brannen

Stephanie Clegg

Doug Povie

Sienna Varland

Maddie Wheatley

29th– Betsy Davis



YOGA AT ASBURY

Come join us for [easy yoga](#) THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 6:30 and stretch your way to that leaner, calmer, more flexible person you want to be. Class is held in the Social Hall. Price is \$8.00/class, or you can purchase an 8-class pass for \$60.00. Bring a mat and a blanket.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rick and Kathy Gore who were married on Tybee, May 30th. Rick and Kathy were high school sweethearts who got back together after a number of years in 2005.

Congratulations to Holli Miller Perry and Carolyn Perry in the birth of their twins, Ian Christopher Perry and Lucy Luella Perry, who were born Sunday, July 26th. Also, congratulations to big sister, Kate.

With Special Thanks

Jenny Wilburn would like to thank those who donated their time and energy in helping with her father, Chris Wilburn's, estate sale: Judy Wilburn, Jeff & Jessie Follett, Mike Cunningham, Kathy Oakley and Carol Klein

"What's Cookin' at Henry and Waters?"

Asbury Memorial's cookbook is available for purchase, both here and at Fresh Market. If you buy it at Fresh Market you will pay \$25.00 for a copy. At Asbury, you can get one for \$15.00!

If you buy one at Fresh Market, they keep the profit. This is really an excellent cookbook with recipes from many congregants, male and female, young and not-so-young. If you are interested, please contact Mary Prokop at 927-1815 or maryprokop@comcast.net. You won't regret it! They make great Christmas, Hanukkah, birthday, anniversary or shower gifts, too.

Men's Breakfast Group

Every first Saturday of the month the men of Asbury have a delicious breakfast together at 9:00 a.m. for a \$3 donation. We have relaxed "barbershop-like atmosphere"...telling some stories, jokes, and finding out what's going on in our lives and in the world. After we finish, we often do some kind of service project - it may be tidying up the Social Hall, doing yard-work, or helping with some other project.

We hope you will consider joining us...we promise that "what's said at the Men's Breakfast stays at the Men's Breakfast!"

It helps to know the number of people who are coming so we know how much food to prepare. You can sign up on our web site each month. But if you forget, please don't let that stop you from coming. Bill Oakley, Michael Edwards and Pat Prokop are always willing to share their pancakes.

We will meet September 5th

Wednesday Night Supper

Start September 16, 2009

See Insert

Children's Church Leaders

September 2009

Grades K—3rd

Tom & Betsy Davis

Subs: Ellie Covington & Cheri Hester

Grades 4th—6th

September 6th— Debbie Anderson & Kim Smith

September 13th— TBA

September 20th - Andrea Harrelson & K. T. Aull

September 27th— Emily Anderson & Deborah Hargroves

News from the Busy Bees

If you would like to purchase a Busy Bee Clown Doll for Christmas you must order it NOW. Dolls are \$35 each unless you bring your own fabric. If you supply the fabric the cost of the doll is \$25. If you would like to make an order, please call the church office.

2009 Peace Conference

Rev. Grady Mills is planning to attend the 2009 Peace Conference* September 20-22 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. He is looking for an interested person who is interested in sharing a room for this event.

Complete information may be found at:

<http://www.lakejunaluska.com/events.aspx>

Contact Grady at 354-3205 if interested.

**Because there can be no peace without better understanding, respect, and cooperation among Earth's faith communities, we seek, in 2009, a deeper dialogue among persons of the three Abrahamic faiths."*

Tech Berries Needed

As most of you know we installed new computer equipment the first of this year. We are needing assistance from anyone that has knowledge of computers, programs and technical support. The office staff at times run into e-mails and glitches that remain unsolved due to not having enough all around knowledge of the best solutions to the glitches. Anyone who is interested in helping in this area, please contact Roger Smith at rogerismith@gmail.com

Each month we highlight a mission opportunity. Church member, Jackie Stewart, is Asbury Memorial's volunteer coordinator for the L.O.V.E. Mentors program. Please read this article about L.O.V.E. and consider becoming a L.O.V.E. volunteer.



Participating Schools & Community Centers

Elementary Schools: Bartow, Bethesda Home for Boys, East Broad, Gadsden, Garrison, Georgetown, Gould, Haven, Heard, Islands, Isle of Hope, Low, Notre Dame Academy, Port Wentworth, Southwest, Spencer, West Chatham

Middle Schools: DeRenne, Hubert
High Schools: Savannah
Community Centers: Aldersgate United Methodist/Performance Initiatives Center, Salvation Army Center, Savannah Baptist Center

L.O.V.E. Sponsors

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Mickve Israel
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Savannah Christian
St. James Catholic
St. Peter's Episcopal
Skidaway Island Baptist
Skidaway Island Presbyterian
Skidaway Island United Methodist
Speedwell United Methodist
Trinity United Methodist (Pooler)
Wal-Mart

L.O.V.E. Board Officers

Chair: Joyce Glenn
Vice Chair: Ann Tremaine
Chair Emeritus: Fred Loe
Treasurer: Dave Dawson

L.O.V.E. (Local Outreach Volunteer Educator) serves children in Savannah-Chatham County public schools who need one-on-one help to achieve grade-level proficiency in reading and math.

L.O.V.E.'s mission is to improve education, build life skills, and support the dreams of Savannah's children.

Asbury Memorial UMC has sponsored L.O.V.E. for two years, and members of our congregation currently volunteer at Bartow Elementary.

During the 2008/09 school year, L.O.V.E. mentors volunteered more than 10,000 hours helping over 900 students achieve measurable progress. For 2009/10, School Superintendent Dr. Thomas Lockamy and School Board Chairman Dr. Joe Buck have asked L.O.V.E. to serve even more children and to expand its growing focus on math.

L.O.V.E. needs 100 more volunteers this year!

What's Involved? Mentors volunteer one day per week during the school year, working with 1, 2, or 3 kids for 45 minutes each. You can tutor reading, math, or both. The students we work with at Bartow Elementary perform at an early elementary level in reading and/or math. No formal teaching experience is required.

As a mentor, you will receive:

Training. If you tutor reading, you will receive "Read Naturally" training. If you tutor math, you will receive "Do the Math" training.

A tool kit for reading, math, and life skills, provided by L.O.V.E.
Regular follow-up and support from L.O.V.E.'s site coordinator.
The joy of sharing your time, talent, and love with kids who WANT and NEED your help! These kids are part of Savannah's future, and you can make a big difference in their lives.

How Do I Volunteer? For more information or to volunteer for the 2009/10 school year, call **Jackie Stewart** at **655-0512**, email her at jackieandcolinstewart@yahoo.com, or visit www.lovementors.org.

Kids Need LOVE and L.O.V.E. Needs YOU!

L.O.V.E. Mentors, Inc., is a 501c3 non-profit organization, working in partnership with Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. L.O.V.E. is an all-volunteer organization and welcomes adult volunteers from the Chatham County community. 100% of sponsors' financial support is devoted to effective implementation of L.O.V.E.'s programs.

Congratulations!!!! Let's Celebrate!!!

It's Official! Rena Howell had a 70 lb. boy, Alex Ray Howell,

and a 35 lb. boy, Austin Jay Howell on August 17, 2009!!!

Rena has been a mom in her heart for so long, now dream have come true.

Alex is 8 and Austin is 4. We are excited to welcome these amazing boys into our Asbury family.

We are so blessed to be a part of their lives.

Rena Howell and Deb Gibson would like to invite all of their Asbury friends and family to join them as they celebrate the adoption of Alex and Austin Howell. The party will be this Sunday, August 30th from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the home of Paula and Jimmy Dyal at 129-C Salt Creek Road. This will be a covered dish party, so bring a dish you can share with all. There is a lazy river pool available, so bring your bathing suit and a towel. PLEASE, NO GIFTS, ONLY YOUR PRESENCE!

Directions: 129-C Salt Creek Road (This is not the shortest route but the easiest!)

Take I-16 to DEAN FOREST ROAD; Turn left onto DEAN FOREST ROAD;

Follow Dean Forest Road until it dead ends at HIGHWAY 17; At this stop sign set your odometer to 0.0
Turn left onto HIGHWAY 17 (Stay in the left-hand lane); At Odometer reading 0.4 you will turn left onto
SALT CREEK ROAD; Continue down SALT CREEK ROAD

On your left, at Odometer reading 1.3, there will be a small, dirt road. You will see a black mailbox that says DYALS with an arrow pointing down that road. This is actually their driveway.

Follow the driveway across the bridge and you will see their house.

If you need help with directions, call Ray Ellis at (912) 844-1840 Hope to see you there!

With Loving Thanks

We have so many people to acknowledge and thank, I'm quite sure we could fill this month's entire newsletter, but in the interest of saving space for other news, we'll try to keep it as short as possible. First we want to thank Debbie Wright and the awesome Asbury Youth for coming out on two of the hottest days of the summer to scrape, clean and paint our porch, porch ceiling and trim. This was a much needed 'facelift' and they did a *fantastic* job. We want to thank Deb Gibson, Rena Howell, and Jeff Follett for initially looking over our house, measuring and determining which projects were a necessary priority for making our home handi-capped accessible.

We also want to express what an amazing honor to have Asbury and friends nominate our home for the "Extreme Makeover" show. We thank Kathy and Dina Consetino for coming up with the idea and for all the other Asburians who have worked on this project. Having so many of the congregation and church council even consider our family deserving of this benefit is simply overwhelming. Home projects have been on the back burner for a long time and suddenly with Chase's condition adding to our structural needs, it sure would be wonderful! Actually, we **already have received a miracle** from everyone's efforts. Upon hearing of our structural challenges, Jeff and Laurie Davy have offered to build a ramp for Chase, replace flooring thresholds that have prevented him from getting from room to room, AND secure safe flooring for the bathroom – all out of the goodness of their heart -just because they want to help. How can we be so blessed? We don't pretend to understand any of it. All we know is that becoming a part of the Asbury family 8 years ago changed our lives, has given us so much support during both the good and most difficult of times, and we couldn't have more loving, caring people to share it all with.

Sincerely,

The Harrisons – Geoff, Susan, Colin, Chloe & Chase

The Asbury Ambassadors

The Asbury Ambassadors will hold their monthly lunch meeting on Friday, September 18th at 11:30 a.m. in the church choir room. Those attending should bring a side dish to share with the group. The meat will be provided by the church. Please e-mail or call the church office to let us know who will be attending.

This group is open to anyone who wishes to get involved in the some of the "service" projects here at the church, such as Angel Food Ministries, greeting visitors or unknown faces to make them feel very welcome, and other projects the group is discussing to help be of service to the church. You could have ideas of "service projects" the group would be very interested in pursuing.

Watch your newsletter and e-mails for further information about the Riverboat Gospel Cruise in October and The Myrtle Beach Christmas Shows trip in November that the group is planning. Both of these trips will be open to anyone in the congregation that would like to attend.

Shekhinah Spiral

Shekhinah is a Hebrew work that means "the feminine face of God".

Our women's group will start meeting again on the third Sunday of the month after our summer break. All women are invited to bring a potluck lunch to share after the worship service on Sunday, September 20th. We will start laying plans for discussions for the year. The third Sunday is also the Sunday the New Member Classes begin. We ask if you could bring a little extra food to share. The group always welcomes new participants. They would love for you to break bread with them and share in the discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hodges, the group's facilitator at kphodgesga@bellsouth.net

Disciple Study Groups Are Forming...& Other Groups

If you've been at church recently, you know that Disciple Bible Study Groups are in the process of forming . If you want to be part of a group, please call the church office pronto as things are about to begin. There will also be other study opportunities on Wednesdays...and on Sundays when we return to the sanctuary and the Social Hall becomes available.

Alzheimer's Association's Annual Memory Walk

More than 200,000 Georgian's have Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association, Coastal GA Region offers Programs and Services for families struggling to care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease. These services include a 24 Hour Helpline, Information and Referral, Care Consultation, Caring Closet, Safe Return/Medic Alert, Caregiver Time-out and more. For information about Programs and Services in your local community call 1-800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association's Annual Memory Walk will take place on Saturday, September 26 at Johnson Square in Savannah from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. People across Coastal Georgia are invited to participate in this year's event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research programs. This inspiring event calls on volunteers of all ages to become *Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's*. Come enjoy a beautiful walk through Savannah's historic district, great music by Bucky and Chuck Courtenay, BBQ from Sticky Fingers, and fun for all ages! Register to walk, start your team, become a sponsor, or make a donation by visiting the Alzheimer's Association at www.georgiamemorywalk.org or call 912-920-2231 for more information.

Angel Food Menu
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